



# WOMEN OF KIVU

## Homes for Flood Victims

Climate change is wreaking havoc in Congo. Rainy & dry seasons are no longer predictable, which makes farming very difficult. Torrential rains produce floods; people die, homes are washed away, others lose all their meager belongings in the floods even if they still have a roof. About a year ago, 143 families in villages near Uvira, Kivu, lost their homes. They took refuge in churches & schools, any place with a roof. Crowding & cold, lack of food & clean water, along with poor sanitation, meant much illness.

Forty families are long-term members of CENEDI, our Kivu partner. (Many women are survivors of rape.) CENEDI asked for help for rebuilding. The villagers provided labor, we provided funding for metal roofing, nails, doors & windows, etc., that they could not make themselves. Fund-a-Need donations at the gala were the start, then Princeton United Methodist made this their project...& supported 20 houses! THANK YOU SO MUCH, PUMC!



We hope that in the new year more families may be able to build & move into real homes like this.

But right now cholera is sweeping through this region. Many, especially those still in make-shift shelters, are ill, though we help as we can.

## Gardens in Goma

This year our Kivu partner CENEDI added a new feature to its work in Goma. On property bought several years ago as a future home for CCS, women /guardians of the orphan school children have started a garden to be able to feed their households.



With help, they cleared volcanic rock & made fences. The gala Fund-A-Need provided seeds. In the midst of endemic war, they work & hope for a good harvest.



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## CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED

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Please designate "Sewing School" or "Goma School" or "Micro-loan Program" or "Farm Needs," or "Sustaining Gift" to support ongoing work.

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